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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1976

FOR: MRS. FORD

FROM: MARIA DOWNS

SUBJECT: Your Luncheon for the Committee for the  
Preservation of the White House - 3/22/76 -  
12:30 p. m.

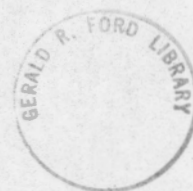
Attached for your review and approval is the proposed seating  
plan for your Luncheon today at 12:30 p. m.

Thank you.



Seating for the Luncheon for the Committee for the Preservation of the  
White House:

MRS. FORD (to your right)  
Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, II  
Mrs. Richard P. Mellon  
Mrs. Clement E. Conger  
Mrs. Elmer Atkins  
Mr. Rex Scouten  
Mrs. S. Dillon Ripley, II  
The Honorable Clare Boothe Luce  
Mr. Edward V. Jones  
Mrs. Charles W. Engelhard, Jr.  
Mr. Clement E. Conger  
Mrs. Jeanette Balling  
Mr. Elmer Atkins  
Mrs. Rex Scouten  
Mrs. John Murchison  
The Honorable J. Carter Brown



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
March 15, 1976

*Talk to Maria  
about menu -  
B.F.  
and place -*

TO: MRS. FORD  
FROM: MARIA DOWNS *m*  
RE: Luncheon for the Committee on  
Preservation of the White House

Attached are several suggested menus for the March 22nd luncheon. In addition to Henry's suggestions I have added a crepe menu.

They are expecting a maximum of 25 people to attend this luncheon. Clem, of course, has all sorts of ideas as to where it should be held---including the second floor Family Dining Room and the Yellow Oval Room. I would like to suggest we keep the luncheon on the State Floor. It is understandable these particular people would be interested in seeing the Yellow Oval Room---it certainly could be arranged before or after the luncheon.

This also is the day Mrs. Engelhard had suggested to Susan Porter might be a good time to get together with you. Would you like Susan to set something up prior to the luncheon?

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION

Monday  
March 22, 1976  
30 guests  
1:00 PM

LUNCHEON

Committee on Preservation of the  
White House

MENU # 1:

Consomme Julienne  
Cheese Straws

Piccata of Veal  
Saffron Rice  
Leaf Spinach

Frozen Cassata Melon  
w/ fresh strawberries

Cookies

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MENU # 2:

Fresh Fruit Cup

Glazed Virginia Ham  
Cheese Souffle  
Mixed Green Salad

*2 yrs old →  
served*

Lemon Mousse  
Raspberry sauce



COMMITTEE ON PRESERVATION  
OF THE WHITE HOUSE

LUNCHEON

Watercress Soup

Crepes with Ham and Cheese  
Dandelion Salad

Fresh Fruit

The White House  
Monday, March 22, 1976



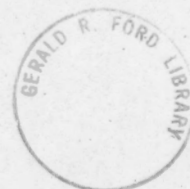
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

LUNCHEON  
FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE

March 22, 1976  
12:30 p. m.

Arrival:

- 12:30 p. m. . . . your guests will arrive at the Diplomatic Reception Room.
- Your guests will be escorted to the Red Room.
- Sherry, Dubonnet and juice will be served.
- 12:35 p. m. . . . Maria Downs will escort you to the State Floor and you will proceed to the Red Room where you will join your guests and mingle informally.
- You will proceed with your guests into the Blue Room for the luncheon.



After Luncheon:

- You will bid farewell to your guests and return to the Family Quarters.

NOTES:

- Committee will begin meeting in Treaty Room after luncheon.
- Marine String Ensemble will be playing in the Grand Hall.
- Military Social Aides will be present.
- A White House photographer will be present.
- There will be no press coverage.

Committee for the Preservation  
of the White House Luncheon

- A guest list is attached.
- Suggested talking points are attached.

Maria Downs

